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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for

1960

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Medical Officer of Health

POULTON-LE-FYLDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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1960

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Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Poulton-le-Fylde.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1960.

The year was one of steady routine work in the Department with no really outstanding events to record.

As the population of the area has increased in recent years, so has the amount of day to day work passing through the Health Department.

The appointment in June of John Hanson as full time General Clerk to the Department has supplied a long felt need, and has assisted the Public Health Inspector greatly in freeing him for more outside work.

One interesting point is the rise of births in the District from 175 in 1959 to 220 in 1960. Between 1956 and 1957 there was a step up of 34 births, this time the step up is 45. This will be mainly attributable to the amount of new building in the area and young married couples coming into occupation.

The Death Rate is fractionally up on that for 1959 but the advent of new life compensates many times for this.

It has still to be noted however, that our Infant Mortality Rate compares unfavourably with that for England and Wales as a whole, and that this has occurred entirely in the neo-natal period (first month). The matter of Congenital Malformations and Prematurity, which account for nearly all these deaths, is the subject of current research work.

Measles (36 cases) and Scarlet Fever (13 cases) constitute the main amount of notifiable infectious illness during the year. The six cases of dysentery were part of an outbreak in a school outside the Urban District but were resident in it.

We have during the year started taking some random samples of tap water in the District, and sending them to the Laboratory for examination. Fifty two of these were submitted with forty eight satisfactory results and four unsatisfactory.

My thanks are again due to my colleagues in the Health Department for unfailing support, to the Clerk to the Council, and to you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

C. ROBERTSON WILSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Poulton-le-Fylde is bounded on the North by Thornton Cleveleys Urban District, to the East and South by the Parishes of Singleton and Hardhorn-with-Newton and on the West by Blackpool County Borough.

The Council of the District is formed by three representatives from each of the following five wards:-

Poulton North	Hardhorn
Poulton East	Carleton
Poulton West	

The District is mainly residential, and most of the industrial population is employed by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the Building Trades, British Railways and in Agriculture.

Estimated population for mid 1960	12,600
Population (1951 census)	7,508
Number of inhabited houses according to the rate book at the end of 1960.	4,800
Area of District in acres	2,272
Rateable value	£156,130
Sum represented by a penny rate	£632

BIRTHS

220 births were registered during the year, 113 males and 107 females. The birth rate was 16.2 per 1,000 population. There were 4 illegitimate births and 3 stillbirths.

Corrected Birth Rates of recent years were:-

Year	Rate	No of Births
1956	13.9	130
1957	16.2	164
1958	15.3	173
1959	14.1	175
1960	16.2	220

Infantile Mortality Rate

	Poulton-le Fylde	England & Wales
Infant mortality rate	27.3	21.7
Neo-natal mortality rate	27.3	15.6
Stillbirth rate	13.5	19.7
Maternal mortality rate	N I L	0.39

DEATHS

Total 152. Males 80. Females 72.

The crude death rate was 12.1 per 1,000 population.

The adjusted death rate was 14.8 per 1,000 population.
(Comparability Factor 1.23)

Deaths and death rates of recent years

Year	Rate	Deaths
1956	12.4	113
1957	12.8	119
1958	12.1	118
1959	14.5	145
1960	14.8	152

AGE GROUPS

The table shows the arrangement of deaths in the age groups

Age Groups	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	3	3	6
1 - 5	-	1	1
6 - 15	1	-	1
16 - 25	2	-	2
26 - 35	-	1	1
36 - 45	4	1	5
46 - 55	8	6	14
56 - 65	16	6	22
66 - 75	26	25	51
76 - 85	15	22	37
86 - 95	5	7	12
TOTALS	80	72	152

CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total	Total % of Deaths
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1	2	1.33
Tuberculosis, other forms	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2	1.33
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	4	-	4	2.66
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2	1.33
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2	1.33
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	7	8	15	9.76
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1	0.66
Diabetes	-	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	12	24	15.67
Coronary disease, angina	19	8	27	18.02
Hypertension with heart disease	2	2	4	2.66
Other heart diseases	5	11	16	10.52
Other circulatory diseases	3	5	8	5.26
Influenza	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	5	4	9	5.82
Bronchitis	3	2	5	3.18
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1	0.66
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	1	-	1	0.66
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	1	1	0.66
Hyperplasia of prostrate	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	1	2	3	1.89
Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	-	4	4	2.66
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	6	16	10.52
Suicide	1	-	1	0.66
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2	1.33
All other accidents	-	2	2	1.33
TOTAL:-	80	72	152	100.00

Infectious Diseases

64 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year as follows:-

Scarlet Fever:- 13 cases were notified. There were 11 cases in 1959.

Whooping Cough:- 3 cases occurred during 1960. 12 the previous year.

Acute Poliomyelitis:- N O N E

Measles:- There were 36 cases during 1960 155 the previous year.

A comparison of the following figures will show the incidence of the disease in the foregoing ten years:-

1950	9 cases	1955	48 cases
1951	146 cases	1956	9 cases
1952	47 cases	1957	240 cases
1953	23 cases	1958	N O N E
1954	104 cases	1959	155 cases

1960 36 cases

Diphtheria

No cases were notified. None the previous year.

Dysentery

6 cases occurred during the year. None the previous year.

Acute Pneumonia

2 cases were notified. None the previous year.

Erysipelas

4 cases were notified. None the previous year.

Tuberculosis

At the close of 1960 there were 41 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, 4 cases of non-pulmonary, and 1 case of pulmonary and non-pulmonary on the Register.

There were 2 new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year.

The Regional Hospital Board is responsible mainly for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis, and the County Council for the prevention and control of the disease.

A Tuberculosis Health Visitor is employed by the County Council, and Hospital and Chest Clinic facilities are provided by the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee.

Control Of Notifiable Infectious Diseases

A thorough investigation is made on the occurrence of a case of Notifiable Disease, and where necessary specimens of vomit and faeces are collected and forwarded to the Laboratory for analysis.

Disinfectant fluid is issued to cases of infectious diseases; and terminal disinfection, by fumigation is carried out when necessary and on request.

Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	29
Disinfections Carried Out	...	...	7
Visits to Dysentery Cases	...	...	46
Specimens collected for Public Health Laboratory	...	...	42

Table of cases of Notifiable Diseases 1960

Notifiable Disease	Total Cases at all ages	Age period - years								
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-25	Over 25
Scarlet Fever	13	-	-	-	1	2	10	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Measles	36	2	4	8	2	1	17	1	1	-
Dysentery	6	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Erysipelas	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

Number	220
Rate per 1,000 population	16.2
Illegitimate live births as a percent of total live births	1.8

STILLBIRTHS

Number	3
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	13.5
Total live and still births	223

INFANT DEATHS (Deaths under 1 year)

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	27.3
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	27.8
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	N I L
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	27.3
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	40.4
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	27.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

Number of deaths	N I L
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	N I L

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Facilities for the examination of material in suspected cases of Diphtheria, Dysentery, Typhoid Fever, Tuberculosis, Food Poisoning etc. are available to all Medical Practitioners at Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Elswick Sanatorium, and the Public Health Laboratory, Preston.

THE MORTUARY

The mortuary premises are situated in the yard at the rear of the Town Hall.

The number of times the premises were in use is shown below.

1960	Cases admitted from Poulton-le-Fylde	Cases admitted from Other Districts
January	-	-
February	2	1
March	-	-
April	-	1
May	1	-
June	2	-
July	5	2
August	-	1
September	2	1
October	2	-
November	1	1
December	-	2
TOTAL	15	9

Clinic and Treatment Centres

There are no clinic or treatment centres directly under the control of the Local Authority.

The clinic in Princess Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde was in use during 1960. School clinic sessions were held twice weekly, on Tuesday and Friday mornings and a Child Welfare Session every Tuesday afternoon by the School and Child Welfare Department of the Lancashire County Council.

HOSPITALS

There is no hospital situated in the District.

General cases are admitted to Blackpool Victoria and Wesham Park Hospitals, of the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee; and the Preston Royal Infirmary of the Preston and Chorley Hospital Management Committee.

The Devonshire Road Hospital, Blackpool, is used for infectious disease cases; tuberculosis cases use the Elswick Sanatorium, and smallpox cases go to the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital near Bury, which is under the management of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

Ambulance Facilities

The Lancashire County Council administers the Ambulance Service.

The nearest ambulance station is at Thornton and ambulances for Poulton-le-Fylde are obtained either from this station or from Fleetwood.

At Thornton an ambulance dual purpose vehicle and car are on call; an ambulance and car are available at Fleetwood.

The service is maintained on a 24 hour basis throughout the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 47

There were no applications made for removal during 1960.

MEDICAL STAFF OF CLINIC

Dr. D. C. Marshall	Assistant Divisional Medical Officer, Lancs. County Council.
Miss L. Gilbert	Health Visitor and school nurse
Miss R. Shaw	Health Visitor and school nurse
Mrs. J. H. Mallandaine, 30, Moorway, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: 3528	Midwife
Mrs. R. A. Ronson, 18, Fylde Road, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: 2529	District Nurse
Miss M. Beswick, 27, Wembley Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: 2986	District Nurse

WATER SUPPLY

The Fylde Water Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority, provides a plentiful and excellent supply of water from their gathering grounds at Grisedale and Stocks.

During 1960 new connections were made to 224 new houses, from public mains supply.

A total of 4466 houses was supplied from public mains at the end of the year.

Only one house in the Town obtains water from a private supply.

On 1st April 1960, regrouping of the undertaking took place when the Blackburn and Fylde Water Boards amalgamated.

Sampling

52 samples of water were taken, for examination at the Public Health Laboratory, these were obtained from various addresses about the town.

48 of the samples were satisfactory. 4 unsatisfactory.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

The standard of housing in the town is good, the district having a high proportion of new properties. A number of the older houses are unfit and will require attention under the Housing Acts.

The majority of minor housing defects discovered were remedied by informal action.

Overcrowding

Some overcrowding of dwellings occurred in the District, and it was necessary for the Council to evict two families who were overcrowding a Council House.

The principal cause appeared to be young married families living with their parents.

Approximately 80 applicants were on the waiting list for Council Houses; half of these were for 2 or 3 bedroomed houses and half for bungalows.

Private Building

During the year 219 houses and 5 flats were erected and more families from outside areas became resident in Poulton-le-Fylde.

Dwellings Erected during 1960

WARDS																		TOT.
NORTH			EAST			WEST			CARLETON			HARDHORN						
H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.				
-	1	3	1	-	7	43	1	26	2	-	25	25	3	87				224

H : houses F : flats B: bungalows

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

The sewage disposal works at Skippool Marsh were in operation during 1960. Sewage is now pumped through screening plant into tidal storage tanks, being discharged into the River Wyre on the ebb tide.

Two new sewers were under construction during the year these were the Horsebridge Dyke Valley Sewer and the Victoria Gardens Estate Relief Sewer.

224 new houses were connected to the sewerage system during 1960.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Population	12,600 an increase of 840 on the population figure for 1959.
Births	220 births registered.
Birth Rate	16.2 per 1,000 population.
Average rate England and Wales	17.1 per 1,000 population.
Deaths	152 deaths registered.
Death Rate	14.8 per 1,000 population.
Average rate England and Wales . ..	11.5 per 1,000 population.
Infectious Diseases	64 cases of infectious diseases were notified.
Housing	224 new houses erected.
Water Supply	52 samples obtained.
Sewerage	The Horsebridge Dyke Valley Sewer and the Victoria Gardens relief sewer were under construction.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Poulton-le-Fylde.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the report of the Public Health Inspector for 1960.

The Council's scheme for securing the clearance of shacks from the Normoss area, was further implemented and eight more of these sub-standard dwellings were demolished, at the time of writing this area has ceased to be the major problem it once was, the site is now available for development, for housing purposes.

With the assistance of the Public Health Laboratory Service, who send a vehicle to collect samples on one half day, each week, a start was made on the routine sampling of water supplies, ice-cream and other foods, it is a cause of regret that more of these samples could not be taken, as the one half day allotted did not give sufficient time for their collection.

A great deal of time was once more devoted to the inspection of carcases of meat at the two local slaughterhouses. The number of animals dealt with was the greatest since decontrol was affected in 1954, during 1960 more than 1,000 carcases were inspected than in 1959. It was again necessary to be in attendance on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Following meetings with the owners of the local slaughterhouses the Council's Slaughterhouse Report was submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in September, this was later approved, and the Council's suggestion that the new Slaughterhouse Regulations should operate from 1st January 1963, confirmed.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, came into force during the year, ten applications were made by operators of existing sites, for site licenses. The Council's recommendations relating to these sites were submitted to the Planning Department of the Lancashire County Council.

John Hanson was appointed to the position of Clerk in the Department, in June. I record my appreciation of his willing assistance.

The interest taken by Members of the Health Committee in the work of the Department was a great encouragement. I thank the Chairman of the Committee and Dr. C. Robertson Wilson, for their unfailing support, and members of the Town Hall Staff for ready co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. LOFTHOUSE,
Public Health Inspector.

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Sanitary Inspections

2207 visits were made to 423 premises during 1960

33 defects or nuisances were discovered and 37 abated; it was necessary to serve 10 informal notices; and 3 abatement notices.

WORK CARRIED OUT AS A RESULT OF FORMAL OR INFORMAL ACTION

Dampness of walls remedied	6
Roofs repaired	4
Eaves gutters renewed or repaired	1
Yards repaved	3
Plasterwork renewed	3
Floor relaid	1
Windows repaired	6
Brickwork repaired	1
Footpaths repaved	3
Rainwater pipes renewed	1
W. C. repaired	1
Coal houses repaired	2
Doors repaired	3
Tiles to fireplace renewed	1
Bath waste pipe renewed	1

Sanitary Accommodation

The following list shows the numbers and the types of the various sanitary arrangements in the district at the 31st December, 1960 and those for the previous year.

	1960	1959
Water Closets	4842	4623
Pail closets	10	15
Privies	4	4
Movable Dustbins	4736	4522
Waste water closets	N I L	N I L

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Cleansing Service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor who supplied the following information.

Collection of refuse

This was effected by means of two vehicles, one working full time and the other three days per week.

A weekly collection of refuse was undertaken.

Disposal

Refuse was taken to the Council's tip at Skippool Marsh and deposited in layers. A workman controlled and levelled the tipping.

This tip is rapidly being filled, and a new tipping site will have to be brought into use.

Proposals are in hand for a scheme of land reclamation on the river bank, by filling in an area of land behind an embankment, with domestic refuse.

During 1960 approximately 4,750 dustbins were emptied every week.

Details of Service

Total number of bins emptied	246,877
Weight of refuse collected	5,150 tons
Cost for collection and disposal	£7,770
Weight of salvage sold	151 tons
Value	£1,092 (cost of bailing £865)

Road Sweeping

The Council's workmen swept approximately 635 miles of highway during the year.

RODENT AND INSECT PESTS

One trained operative is employed, part-time on the eradication of rats and mice; various methods are used and such poisons as zinc phosphide, arsenic and warfarin are laid as baits.

INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENTS UNDERTAKEN

Type of Premises	Number of Inspections	Number of Treatment Visits
Dwelling houses	75	172
Business Premises	10	25
Local Authority Property	24	69
Agricultural Property	4	10

DISINFESTATION

The infestations dealt with during the year were for cockroaches, flies, ants and wasps.

D.D.T. in liquid, powder and smoke form were all used with good results and follow up treatments were not found to be necessary.

DISINFESTATION VISITS (INSECT PESTS)

Number of houses found to be infested	49
Number of houses disinfested	49

H O U S I N G

Number of new houses erected by private contractors during the year 224

Number of houses erected by Local Authority .. .. .. -

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected 62
(b) Number of inspections made.. 141
(c) Dwelling houses unfit for habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being made fit.
Number found during year 34
Number existing at end of year 25
(d) Dwelling houses not in all respects reasonably fit for habitation but capable of being made fit 20

2. Houses Demolished or Closed

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
In clearance areas			
(a) Houses unfit for habitation	-	1	1
(b) Houses included for bad arrangement	-	-	-
Not in clearance areas			
(c) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.17 Housing Act 1957.	8	4	2
	Houses Closed		
Houses closed under Housing Act, Sec.16(4). 17(1) and 35(1)	1	5	1

3. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied.

(a) After informal action by Local Authority	7
(b) After formal notice under Public Health Acts ..	1

4. Purchase of Houses by Agreement

	No. of houses	No. of occupants in houses
Houses in clearance areas	-	-

5. Improvement Grants

Action during year	No. Schemes	No. of houses affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	2	2
(b) Approved by Local Authority	2	2
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry.	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-
(e) Work completed	-	-

6. Standard Grants

Action during year	No. of schemes	No. of houses affected
(a) Submitted to Local Authority	2	2
(b) Approved by Local Authority	3	3
(c) Work completed	2	2

7. Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications made	5
Number of Certificates issued	4
Application made for the Cancellation of Certificates	1

HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Certificates of Disrepair	10
Improvement Grants	40
Demolition Orders	17
Housing Visits	84
Temporary Dwellings	10
Council House Visits	3
Overcrowding Visits	3

CAMPING SITES

10 sites were used for camping purposes, housing an estimated maximum number of 1340 persons in 510 caravans and tents, of these 10 sites, 3 were licensed by the Council and were subject to licensing conditions.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 came into force during the year. 10 applicationswere received for the issue of site licenses under this new Act, and the Council's observations on these were forwarded to the Lancashire County Planning Officer.

Inspections of Caravan Sites	60
Temporary Dwellings Visited	10

F O O D I N S P E C T I O N

Food Inspection

The following foodstuffs found to be unfit, were surrendered for disposal:-

	lbs	ozs
3 tins of corned beef	16	0
2 tins of ox tongues	8	8
2 tins of pork luncheon meat	8	0
3 tins of ham	31	9
36 chickens	105	8
	169	9

Meat Inspection

Since the easing of control over the slaughter of animals for food in 1954, the number of animals passing through the two licensed slaughterhouses has increased each year. It was necessary during 1960 to carry out meat inspection duties in the evenings, on Saturdays, and on Sundays.

The number of animals inspected from the date of decontrol is shown :-

Year	No. of animals killed and inspected
1954	1693
1955	3154
1956	6482
1957	6857
1958	7039
1959	7462
1960	8509

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Calves	Total
No. of animals killed and inspected	494	498	4832	2575	110	8509
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole Carcases Condemned	1	1	2	6	7	17
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	86	178	196	317	4	781
Percentage of No. inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	17.61%	35.93%	4.09%	12.54%	10.0 %	10.6%
Tuberculosis						
Whole carcases condemned	1	1	-	1	-	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	17	-	30	-	52
Percentage of No. inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.2%	3.61%	-	1.2%	-	1.5%
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-

During the year the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, invited claims from Local Authorities for the grant of monetary awards, where the number of animals inspected exceeded the quantity required for consumption in the Authorities own District.

An application was made on behalf of the Council and a sum of £27 - 6s - 5d was due for 1960.

Slaughterhouse Visits (meat inspection duties)	926
Number of animals slaughtered and inspected	8509
Weight of meat rejected as unfit	7940 lbs

Slaughtering Licenses

At the 31st December,1960, 9 licenses had been issued by the Council, enabling their holders to slaughter animals

MILK SUPPLY

There were 30 distributors of milk registered by the Council at the end of 1960; and they operated from the following premises:-

Dairies in the District	5
Shops in the District	13
Premises outside the District	11

The number of licenses issued to these distributors were:-

24 in respect of Tuberculin Tested Milk

25 in respect of Pasteurised Milk

18 in respect of Sterilised Milk

Sampling

The Food & Drugs Authority for the Poulton-le-Fylde area is the Lancashire County Council, and the following information has been kindly supplied by Doctor S.C.Gawne,County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 55 samples was obtained, consisting of 33 samples of milk, (two of which were Channel Islands Milk) and 22 others,comprising:-

3 Fruit, dried	1 Coffee extract
1 Coffee and chicory essence	1 Cocoa
1 Ice-cream	1 Soft Drink
1 Meat Pie	1 Fruit Tarts
1 Travel sickness tablets	1 Seidlitz Powders
1 Bridge buns	1 Cake decorations,edible
1 Christmas tree decorations, edible	1 Ammoniated tincture of quinine B.P.C.
1 Shredded beef suet	1 Vegetables, canned
1 Condensed cream of chicken soup, canned	1 Milk chocolate drops.
1 Ground almonds	1 Christmas pudding

Details of samples upon which the County Analyst gave adverse reports are as follows.

Type of Sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
1 Bridge buns	3 fragments of discoloured dough together weighing 0.016 gms.containing free carbon together with a trace of iron and o.2 mgms.of zinc, had been baked into the crust of the rolls.	Bakers communicated with.
1 ammoniated tincture of quinine B.P.C.	Ammonia 0.80% w/v B.P.C.limits 0.85 - 1.05% w/v.	No action taken

Food Premises Visited

Bakehouses	3
Food Factories	4
Grocers' shops	37
Ice-cream manufacturers . ..	7
Fried Fish shops	4
Food vehicles	2
Butchers' shops	3

Registrations

3 food shops were registered during the year for the sale and storage of ice-cream. One fried fish shop was registered as preserved food premises.

The total number of registered premises was:-

5 Fried fish shops

7 Preserved food businesses

2 Ice-cream manufacturers

31 Ice-cream retailers

SHOP INSPECTIONS

48 inspections were made under the Shops Act; informal action only was necessary to remedy contraventions.

FACTORIES

Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	926	-	-
Factories not included in the above in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	49	8	-	-
Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	10	15	-	-
TOTAL	61	949	-	-

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred		No. of Prosec.
			To H.M. Inspec.	By H.M. Inspec.	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL;	6	7	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS 1960

Visits made in respect of complaints	136
Revisits to properties previously inspected	39
Drainage visits	11
Colour tests applied to drains	5
Disinfestation visits (insect pests)	49

Inspections of caravan sites	60
Watercourse inspections	9
Smoke observations	2
Infectious disease visits	29
Disinfections	7
Interviews	58
Visits to dysentery cases	46
Visits re dirty premises	4

Fried fish shops	4
Food samples taken	6
Bakehouse inspections	3
Food factories	4
Grocers' shops	37
Factories	23
Ice-cream manufacturers	7
Poultry farms	1
Milk samples taken	3
Ico-cream samples taken	20
Piggeries	20
Dairy Inspection	1
Butchers' shops	3
Slaughterhouse visits (meat inspection duties) ...	926
Visits to food poisoning contacts	6
Food inspections	6
Food vehicle inspections	2
Pet shop...	1
Samples of tap water taken	52

Housing Inspections

Certificates of Disrepair	10
Improvement Grants	40
Demolition Orders	17
Temporary Dwellings	10
Applicants for Council Houses	84
Council House visits	3
Overcrowding visits	3